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SOURCE Ta Kung PaoPROFESSORS IN THE PEIPING UNIVERSITIES STUDY MAO'S WORKS

Peiping, 14 July (Hsin-hua She) -- More than 6,500 Peiping professors and school officials have completed their study of Mao Tse-tung's "On Practice," and "On Contradiction" as the beginning of a systematic study of Marxism-Leninism. On 12 July 1953, Ai Ssu-ch'i, a leading Chinese Marxist philosopher, was invited to discuss and answer questions on the problems which arose during the study of "On Contradiction."

After completing this study the various Peiping professors and school officials now have some understanding of the basic principles of the development of nature and society and are now able to distinguish between materialism and idealism and between metaphysics and dialectics. They have begun to appreciate the superiority of Soviet teaching materials and teaching methods.

As a result of this study, many professors realized their own shortcomings and are now striving for improvements as follows:

1. Some science and engineering professors reviewed their past work in the light of the theory they had just learned and realized the many erroneous ideological and metaphysical influences they had acquired in the past and the serious hiatus between theory and practice which was present in their work.
2. Some liberal arts professors began to apply the philosophical concept of materialism over idealism.
3. Jen Hua, professor of the Philosophy Department of Peking University, criticized his own error of considering Marxism-Leninism merely an abstract research system and not applying it to actual practice.
4. After studying "On Contradiction," the professors of the Peking University of Agriculture were able to solve many of the difficult problems in their study of the Michurin theory.

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5. As a result of his study of Mao's works, a plant pathology professor concluded: "natural scientists must comprehend the correct standpoint, viewpoint, and method in order to be able to correctly carry out and develop scientific research."

6. The professors of the Peking College of Industry are now associating themselves with Soviet scientific research and understand that dialectic materialism is the basis of scientific research.

7. Many professors in Tsing-hua University changed their former teaching methods which had started out with abstract ideas.

A Tsing-hua University professor, after completing this study, carefully observed and studied the Northeast industrial construction and came to realize the necessity of teachers' active participation in national construction. When the Tsing-hua University students began their on-the-job training many professors went along and took part in the actual work.

During this entire 3-month study of Mao's works by the Peiping professors and school officials, great enthusiasm was shown. Recently, 100 Tsing-hua University professors ordered Volume I of Stalin's works.

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